

NOTICE OF A COMBINED PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED  
IMPROVEMENTS TO US 158 (EAST ELIZABETH STREET) FROM  
US 17 BUSINESS (ROAD STREET) TO THE EAST SIDE OF THE PASQUOTANK  
RIVER INCLUDING REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO. 19 OVER THE RIVER

TIP Project No. U-4438

Pasquotank and Camden Counties

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a Combined Public Hearing (open-house style) on Tuesday, August 25, 2009, for the above proposed highway project, beginning at 4:00 pm and ending at 7:00 pm, at the Museum of the Albemarle, 501 S. Water Street, in Elizabeth City, 27909.

NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and receive comments about the proposed project. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will be provided and is encouraged. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above mentioned hours. Please note: there will be no formal presentation.

NCDOT proposes to reconstruct US 158 (East Elizabeth Street) from US 17 Business (Road Street) to NC 34 (Water Street) and to replace Bridge No. 19, the existing drawbridge carrying eastbound US 158 traffic over the Pasquotank River. The purpose of the proposed project is to maintain the existing connection on US 158 between downtown Elizabeth City and Camden County. The project is needed to correct the settling of the existing roadbed and sidewalks and reinforce the subsurface to avoid further maintenance costs. Bridge No. 19 needs to be replaced due to its advanced age and deteriorating condition.

Improvements will include: the reinforcement of the subsurface and reconstruction of the US 158 roadway from Road Street to Water Street, including 50 feet (in both directions) of adjacent cross streets; replacement of sidewalks and upgrade the curbing with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant ramps at street intersections; and replacement of Bridge No. 19 with a wider, bascule-type drawbridge that will also accommodate bicycle and pedestrian traffic.

Maps displaying the location and design of the project and a copy of the environmental document, the Environmental Assessment (EA), are available for public review at the City Manager's Office in the Gardner Municipal Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, located at 306 E. Colonial Avenue, Elizabeth City; and are also available at the NCDOT- District 1 - Engineer's Office, located at 1929 North Road Street, Elizabeth City. Copies of the map are available upon request at:

[http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/highway/roadway/hearingmaps\\_by\\_county/](http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/highway/roadway/hearingmaps_by_county/)

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Ms. Eileen Fuchs, NCDOT-Human Environment Unit, at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598, phone (919) 431-1610, or email: [efuchs@ncdot.gov](mailto:efuchs@ncdot.gov). Additional written comments may be submitted to Ms. Fuchs until September 25, 2009.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this hearing. Anyone requiring special services should contact Ms. Fuchs as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.